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TO : Chief, COAPS

DATE: DEC 13 1949

FROM : Assistant Director for Reports and Estimates

SUBJECT: Particular Intelligence Questions Requiring Coordination or Attention

REFERENCE: Circular Memorandum, subject as above, dated 2 December 1949

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1. In commenting upon the draft reply to the National Security Council contained in the reference, this Office assumes that the eight paragraphs covered represent the only points on which the Central Intelligence Agency is required to report to the National Security Council.

2. With respect to paragraph 4 of the reference, this Office suggests that the wording set forth below be substituted for that contained in the reference.

"As the intelligence facility of the National Security Council and the President, the Central Intelligence Agency must continually and systematically report all developments, political, economic, military, and otherwise, which materially affect or have a bearing upon United States national security and objectives abroad. While CIA's Daily and Weekly Summaries are based to a considerable degree upon Department of State materials, the major cause for this situation derives from the fact that the Department of State makes their highest level intelligence and operational materials which have utility for intelligence purposes available to the Central Intelligence Agency whereas the Departments of Army, Navy and Air do not. [A redraft of NSCID #1 is in preparation which, when approved, will require the Departments of Army, Navy and Air to furnish such material to the Central Intelligence Agency for inclusion in its intelligence summaries.] Moreover, in periods of relative peace, the bulk of intelligence is of a political and economic, rather than military, nature. The Central Intelligence Agency's intelligence summaries are the only ones designed primarily for the President and the National Security Council. Each departmental intelligence agency is authorized to and should produce such current publications as are required to meet their own departmental needs."

*Booth agrees to omit this sentence
Insert instead:
It is hoped that
this situation will
be improved.*

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